

PCAT240
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
 Parole Commission
 DOC-1208 (Rev.08/2012) WICS

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 Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 304
 Administrative Code, Chapter PAC1

PAROLE COMMISSION ACTION

OFFENDER NAME BALSEWICZ, DOUGLAS	DOC # 221009	FACILITY NAME Racine Correctional Institution [RCI]	AGENT # 32107	TIS No	980 No
RECOMMENDED ACTION TAKEN Defer (for 12 Months)	NEW PED 06/02/2021	MR/ES 10/02/2050	RECOMMENDED ELIGIBILITY DATE	DATE ACTION TAKEN 04/10/2020	HEARING TYPE Parole Review

If you are recommended for a parole grant/release, the time frame within which you shall be released, as established by the Chairperson of the Parole Commission, shall be reflected in the grant/order.

GENERAL REASONS FOR ACTION TAKEN

1. You have developed an adequate plan, but will need Agent's verification.
2. Release at this time would involve an unreasonable risk to the public.
3. Your institutional conduct has been satisfactory.
4. You have NOT served sufficient time for punishment.
5. Your program participation has been satisfactory.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

The Chair's decision in this case is based upon a review of Department of Corrections (DOC) records, including your (Mr. Balsewicz) adjustment while incarcerated AND findings, which was based upon an extensive review of your conviction history and behavior while in DOC custody. Your expectations of today's hearing was for release.

You appeared before the Parole Commission after a 36 month defer for consideration regarding case: 97CF2534 - Armed Burglary with a Dangerous Weapon and 2nd Deg. Intentional Homicide. These offenses occurred in June 1997, when you were 30 years old, while you and your wife were separated and considering of divorce. You had reportedly consumed a large quantity of alcohol and smoked some crack cocaine, and experienced [REDACTED]. You eventually drove to your wife's residence, where she and your 4 year old son and 2 year old daughter were asleep, and you entered the home through a broken window. You then took possession of a knife, went to the bedroom of your wife, and stabbed her approximately 42 times, killing her. The following day, a neighbor to your wife saw your young children outside unattended and questioned the children. The children then told the neighbor that their mother had been killed and was full of blood. The authorities were subsequently notified and you were arrested. Your case does carry PMR status.

At 52 years of age, you are now serving your 1st incarceration as an adult, and you have minimal prior criminal record consisting of a property crime. You have served over 22 years in the Department of Corrections. You report that you don't recall much of the details of your crime, and struggle to understand how you could have committed such an offense. You accept full responsibility for your offending, nonetheless, stating that you did not take your case to trial out of not wanting to subject your children to that experience. You report that prior to your offense, you were experiencing [REDACTED] and had moved in with your sister, following disagreements with your victim about divorce and increased frequency of [REDACTED] to engage in violence. You were also using drugs and alcohol, which today you acknowledged affect your overall [REDACTED].

Today you report that you are no longer the same person as you were at the time of your offense, and you are more about community and others rather than yourself. You attribute your change to your adoption of Christianity. You recognize the necessity of being able to seek help from others and that you cannot manage all of your problems or challenges on your own. You report [REDACTED] and have not required support from [REDACTED] since the early 2000's. When asked to speak to the impact of your offenses, you tearfully expressed remorse for the harm caused to your wife, and your family, noting that your respective family remain intertwined through another marriage. You expressed that you wish you had sought help for your [REDACTED] and not depended on drugs and alcohol. Considering the circumstances, most notably the brutal nature of your offense and the trauma your children faced having to witness her body, serving additional time is required as to not depreciate the seriousness of the offense.

Your conduct is satisfactory at this time. During your incarceration, you have earned a total of 7 Minor conduct reports, with the last occurring in 2016. You appeared before the Commission [REDACTED] today. You reported that you were to have [REDACTED], however during the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Due to complications with COVID-19 public health emergency, [REDACTED].

As for programming, you have no unmet essential programming needs. You have successfully [REDACTED] (2001), Domestic Violence Counseling (2000), Anger Management (2001), CGIP (2001), and [REDACTED]. You note that Anger Management helped you increase emotional awareness and intervene earlier when experiencing frustration by using coping strategies. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. You reported that you initially began using substances after you entered adulthood and means for socially connecting, but as your usage progressed and the [REDACTED], your usage escalated. You are currently not working due to your [REDACTED], but previously held positions as a cook. Regarding your [REDACTED], you anticipate that you [REDACTED] may be completed by July-August. As such the Commission will endorse a reduction upon [REDACTED].

Your parole plan is to reside with your sister in Milwaukee, WI. This may be workable, and will require the approval of your Parole Agent when the timeframe is appropriate. You report she has her own home and you would have as much time as needed to re-acclimate. You also noted that a couple in Eau Claire, WI from your church community have expressed willingness to be a support for you if necessary. You indicate that your sister was identified as your primary resource due to your understanding that you would need to release to the County of conviction, but you had a larger support network in Eau Claire. You express that you eventually would like to move near to Eau Claire once established while residing with your sister. Your church support system has written letter of support for your release, and this was taken into consideration by the Commission. In conclusion, additional time, continued good conduct, continued positive involvement in institution job opportunities, eventual transition through reduced security with a positive adjustment along the way, and eventually an approved parole plan will assist in reducing your risk to a more reasonable level.

It is the judgment of the Chair that parole be denied and a deferral of 12 months is appropriate and necessary given the totality of this record; and thus hereby ordered.

Victim opposition to release is noted.

This hearing was conducted via video conference.

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Corrected "Next Review Date (Mo)" from April 2020 to April 2021.

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Grammar and Syntax corrections

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RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

TYPE COMMENTS

		DUE DATE	STAFF
Other	The Parole Commission endorses a reduction of custody, and transfer upon resolution and recovery from current [REDACTED]	12/31/9999	PAWLAK, KRISTEN L
Other	The Parole Commission endorses a reduction of custody, and transfer upon resolution and recovery from current [REDACTED]	12/31/9999	BOGUCKI, DEBRA L

MEMBER SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
J. Tate 0113038	<u>05/10/2022</u>
PAROLE COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON <i>The recommended Action is approved for the stated reasons.</i>	DATE APPROVED

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THERE IS NO ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OF THIS DECISION

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